

Remarks

Claims 15 and 21 have been amended to add the feature of a mean pore size of 0.4 – 0.9 μm at both surfaces of the recited film. Representative support for this amendment may be found in Examples 3 and 4 of the subject application.

Accordingly, Applicants believe that no new matter has been introduced by the amendments to claims 15 and 21.

1. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

Claims 15-27 are rejected as failing to comply with the written description requirement because the Examiner asserts that the recited pore size in claims 15 and 21 of 0.14 to 2.8 microns is new matter neither recognized nor expected from the originally filed application. The Examiner submits that a pore size range of 0.4 to 0.9 microns would be fully supported by the specification at, *inter alia*, Examples 3 and 4.

Without acquiescing to the Examiner's rejection, and for the purpose of expediting prosecution of the subject application, Applicants have amended claims 15 and 21 to delete the previously recited pore size range and to add the pore size range suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph have been satisfied and respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

2. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Saunders in view of Jasne

Claims 15-27 are rejected as unpatentable over the article by R.S. Saunders *et al.*, entitled "Microporous Polyimide Films for Reduced Dielectric Applications, SAND94-2831 ("Saunders") in view of U.S. Patent 5,153,303 to Jasne *et al.* ("Jasne").

Applicants note and the Examiner acknowledges that Saunders is limited by its disclosure to a pore size of 1.4 microns. As amended, claims 15 and 21 recite a mean pore size range of 0.01 to 2 μm in the center of the claimed porous insulating film and 0.4 to 0.9 microns at both surfaces of the film. Applicants submit that Saunders, at the very least, neither teaches nor suggests Applicants' claimed film with these pore size ranges. Jasne cannot remedy these

deficiencies present in Saunders. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.


3. Conclusion

The foregoing amendments and remarks are being made to place the application in a condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner find that an interview would be helpful to further prosecution of this application, she is invited to telephone the undersigned at her convenience.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **Constructive Petition for Extension of Time** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3).

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